

Do You Know God?

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John 16:2, "They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me."

Jesus made a startling statement in John 16:2, foretelling of the time when the wicked would murder Christians, sincerely thinking that they are doing God a favor.

History testifies to this truth, for more killing is done in the name of God than any other reason. Case in point, Sarah Palin has stated that the bloodthirsty killing and slaughter of over one million Iraqis was God's will. Nothing could be further from the truth. Exodus 20:13 commands, "Thou shalt not kill." War has claimed the lives of over 200,000,000 lives over the past century alone. This is not God's will.

Something is very wrong with professed men of God who revel in warmongering, who support wars based upon lies and the killing of the innocent. God hates hands that shed innocent blood (Proverb 6:17).

Notice in John 16:3 that Jesus tells us why these people kill in the name of God. It's because they have not known God the Father, nor God the Son. They do not know the God of the Bible. Most people who profess to know God do not know God at all. Most people have religion without truth, as did the Samaritan woman in John 4:24. Jesus told her that the Samaritans <u>didn't know what they worshipped</u>. Most people today don't know what they worship, they just attend some religious service once a week in a big fancy building. They have not known God the Father, nor the Son of God.

Jesus said that those who do not know God the Father, nor God the Son, will be warped in their thinking. They will even kill Christians, sincerely believing that they're doing God a service. Can you imagine? Christians are being persecuted around the world today. Just as in the time of our Lord, it is the self-righteous religious crowd who hates born-again Christians the most. God's worst enemies are

religious people.

Nearly every religious person today is as heathen as can be. They embrace corrupt Bibles, adhere to false doctrines, chant vain repetitions, idolize apostate singers and ministers, elevate the teachings of men over the holy Scriptures and couldn't care less about soul-winning or the things of Jesus Christ (Philippians 2:21). It literally makes God want to puke (Revelation 3:16).

The only way to know God the Father is through Jesus Christ, the Son of God. 1st John 2:23, "Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also." All the talk we hear nowadays about God means absolutely nothing if it's not based in the Scriptures. John 5:39, "Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of Me." Do you know God?

False Religions

Ye Must Be Born Again!